

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 9-16 have been cancelled. Claims 17-25 have been allowed. Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 1, 17 and 24 have been amended.

Claims 17-25 have been allowed. The Applicant has amended independent claims 17 and 24 to correct a typographical error.

Claim 1 was originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taniguchi, U. S. Patent No. 5,349,496, in view of Hasegawa, U. S. Patent No. 5,390,074. The Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter that the Examiner found allowable as stated in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The Applicant now believes that claim 1 should now be found allowable and claims 2-8 also found allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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